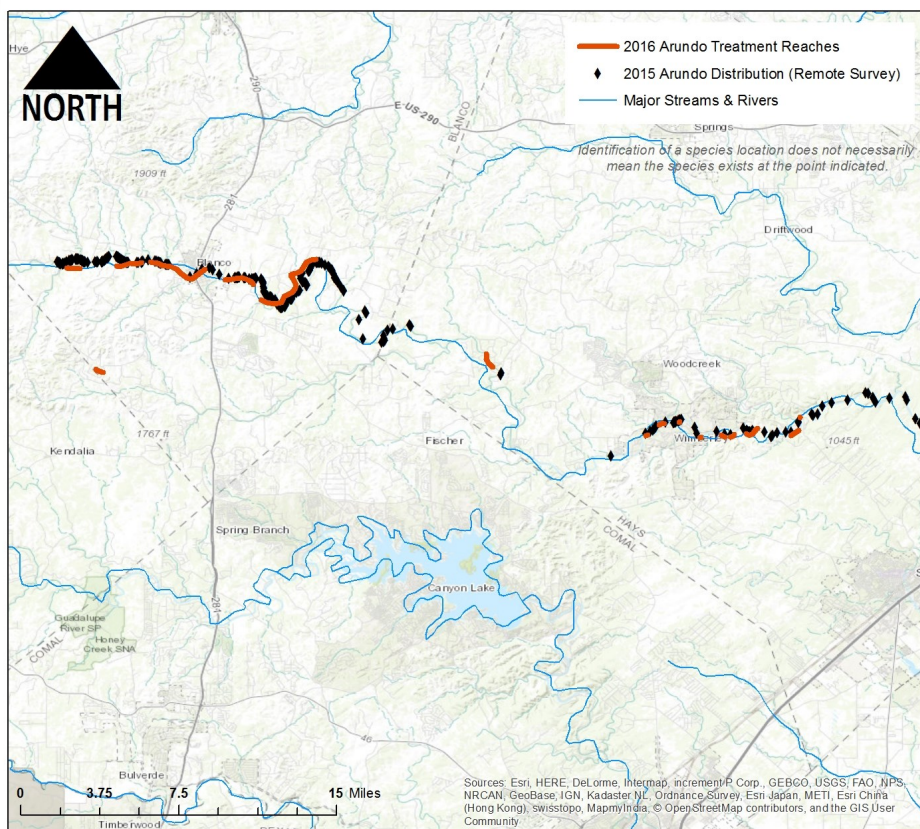




Photo: Arundo infestation dominates the banks of the Blanco River (TPWD, 2016)

HEALTHY CREEKS INITIATIVE UPDATES

2016 PROGRESS—BLANCO RIVER & TRIBUTARIES



68

landowner partners

12

creek/river miles

~5

**acres of Arundo
treated in 2016**

In 2016, the Healthy Creeks Initiative kickstarted efforts to manage invasive Arundo in the headwaters of the Blanco River using carefully targeted herbicide treatments to minimize impacts to habitats already affected by devastating floods while helping to improve the health of the aquatic ecosystem. Although 2016 landowner participation in the initiative was high, 100% participation will be essential to the long-term success of the project. Next steps for 2017 include: survey and re-treatment of Arundo patches as needed, survey and treatment of new areas, efforts to seed native species in areas where large infestations were treated, and surveys to keep an eye on other problematic invasives that may try to sweep in to replace the Arundo. Management of such a highly invasive species is an ongoing battle—but with time and strong community dedication to land stewardship, a return to the natural majesty of this beautiful river can be achieved.

You can help by spreading the word to your friends and neighbors and by attending local workshops to share your experience as a project partner with other landowners. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/healthycreeks> for more information on upcoming events!

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